

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
January 9, 2008
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| # Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Vice Chair | # Scott Butler for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| # Matthew Busby for George Hoffman, | Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley |
| Apache Junction | Terry Ellis, Peoria |
| Jeanine Guy, Buckeye | Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix |
| * Jon Pearson, Carefree | # John Kross, Queen Creek |
| * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek | # Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa |
| # Mark Pentz, Chandler | Indian Community |
| Dr. Spencer Isom for B.J. Cornwall, | Michelle Lehman for Jim Rumpeltes, |
| El Mirage | Surprise |
| Alfonso Rodriguez, Fort McDowell | # Charlie Meyer, Tempe |
| Yavapai Nation | * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| # Kate Zanon, Fountain Hills | # Gary Edwards, Wickenburg |
| * Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend | # Mark Hannah for Lloyce Robinson, |
| Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian | Youngtown |
| Community | # Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT |
| George Pettit, Gilbert | # Kenny Harris for David Smith, |
| * Ed Beasley, Glendale | Maricopa County |
| # Brian Dalke, Goodyear | Chris Curcio for David Boggs, |
| # Mark Johnson, Guadalupe | Valley Metro/RPTA |

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jan Dolan at 12:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A roll call attendance was taken.

Chair Dolan introduced and welcomed two new members to the Committee: Jim Bacon from Paradise Valley, and Charlie Meyer from Tempe.

Chair Dolan noted that previously faxed material for agenda item #4C was at each place.

Chair Dolan stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Dolan stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Dolan noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations.

Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who expressed her belief in multimodal transportation. She said that the challenge this year, even more than Proposition 400, will be a statewide transportation plan that will go before voters. Ms. Barker stated that she and other citizens will make sure that all modes are adequately represented in the statewide plan. She commented that exempt projects under the standards might not be exempt because of bottlenecks and accidents that create bigger PM-10 and CO violations. Ms. Barker commented on open meetings and an Attorney General's opinion that was in the newspaper. She said that legislation says that MAG committee members can respond to criticism on the spot, refer the item to staff to handle, or ask that it be put on an agenda. Ms. Barker stated that good ideas come from citizens and they should not just be tolerated. Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Dolan stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, and #4G were on the consent agenda. Chair Dolan reviewed the public comment guidelines for the consent agenda. Mr. Smith noted that no public comment cards had been received. Chair Dolan asked if any member of the committee had questions or a request to have a presentation on any consent agenda item.

Ms. Lehman moved that agenda item #4G be removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Pettit seconded.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, and #4F. Mr. McClendon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of November 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the November 7, 2007 meeting minutes.

4B. Consultant Selection for the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended that PBS & J be selected to conduct the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update for an amount not to exceed \$550,000. The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2007, includes the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update. The Framework and Update will provide the MAG region with reports, strategies, and planning tools that measure performance and congestion of the transportation system at various levels. A request for proposals (RFP) was advertised in November 2007. Three proposals were received and reviewed by a multi-agency proposal evaluation team. On December 17, 2007, the evaluation team interviewed firms and recommended to MAG the selection of PBS & J to conduct the Framework and Update for an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

4C. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and Material Change to the ADOT Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and a material change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables. The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to highway projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, and the administrative modification to transit projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP is listed in Table B. Since the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the list, there have been two additional projects added to the list: DOT08-841 and TMP08-603. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and an administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table C notes the material change to the ADOT Program.

4D. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes the addition of seven federally-funded Hazard Elimination Safety and Transportation Enhancement projects. The amendment also includes one new project and several minor project changes for the Arizona Department of Transportation in FY 2008. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. In addition, MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for a City of Goodyear project-level conformity determination for a park-and-ride facility located at the northwest corner of Interstate-10 and Dysart Road. Comments on the conformity assessments were requested by January 25, 2008. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

4E. Upcoming Human Services Grant Opportunities

Every year, MAG facilitates two different application processes to support homeless assistance programs as well as agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities. The application competition for Section 5310 funds to support agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities has been opened by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is expected to release the Stuart B. McKinney applications to support homeless assistance programs in the next few months. This item is presented to make member agencies aware of the opportunities for funding and to offer technical assistance throughout the process.

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness submits a consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Stuart B. McKinney funds to support homeless assistance programs. Each year, the region receives record breaking awards. Last year, the region received more than \$20 million. Typically, new applications are limited by HUD to permanent housing projects that serve chronically homeless people. HUD is expected to release the application in March.

The MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee prepares a priority listing of applications for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Section 5310 funds. This funding source provides vans, radio equipment, and software to nonprofit agencies, municipalities and tribes transporting older adults and people with disabilities. Last year, mobility management funds were made available for the first time to assist agencies in coordinating programs. The due date for the applications is February 11, 2008 at noon. This item was on the agenda for information.

4F. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. This overview of MAG's draft Dues and Assessments for FY 2009 provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. This item was on the agenda for information.

4G. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to incorporate the changes outlined in the Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye. The amendment proposes 18 wastewater treatment facilities to serve the Town of Buckeye Municipal Planning Area (MPA) including five of the six existing facilities, six planned facilities, and seven future facilities. The ultimate proposed capacity for the Town of Buckeye MPA would be 241.2 million gallons per day. The Town plans to maximize opportunities for

reuse and recharge of treated effluent from the facilities. In addition, each of the 18 facilities has or may obtain an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for discharges into Waters of the United States. The project is within three miles of the towns of Gila Bend and Wickenburg, cities of Glendale, Goodyear, and Surprise, and unincorporated Maricopa County. Five of the six entities have indicated no objections. The City of Surprise has indicated that it opposes this plan only due to a boundary issue. The public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on December 13, 2007. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

Ms. Lehman stated that the City of Surprise has indicated that it opposes this amendment only due to an ongoing boundary dispute between the City of Surprise and the Town of Buckeye. She explained that Surprise feels this passes over the boundary into the Surprise planning area.

Ms. Guy stated that she wanted to reiterate that this is a boundary issue, not a technical issue. Ms. Guy noted that the surrounding jurisdictions are in support of the amendment. She stated that the Town of Buckeye would like this amendment to move forward.

Chair Dolan asked if the boundary issue would be worked out. Ms. Guy replied that they were continuing to work on that.

Mr. Dalke moved to recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye. Mr. Pentz seconded, and the motion passed, with Ms. Lehman voting no.

5. MAG Federal Funding Process Update

Eileen Yazzie, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, addressed the Committee on the MAG Federal Fund program that utilizes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (CMAQ). Ms. Yazzie stated that a competitive application process is conducted annually for PM-10 certified street sweepers, pave unpaved road projects, bicycle projects, pedestrian projects, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects. Ms. Yazzie advised that other funds are available, and they are programmed through the life cycle process.

Ms. Yazzie stated that projects funded with federal funds have strict requirements for design, environmental, right of way, and the bid process. She advised that construction projects require at least 18-24 months of prior clearance work, and there is a federal requirement to spend funds authorized that year through closeout.

Ms. Yazzie then reviewed the annual schedule related to federally funded projects. She said that from August to January, the competitive application process is conducted through the MAG committee process, followed by the MAG closeout process that is conducted through the MAG committee process from March to July. Ms. Yazzie stated that from February to June, the new TIP is modeled for transportation and air quality, and its approval is considered through MAG committee process. Ms. Yazzie reviewed the allocation of MAG federal funds in the Regional Transportation Plan by mode.

Ms. Yazzie stated that a need was demonstrated to have a review of the process for federal funds, including the closeout process and the MAG federal fund program. She said that a Working Group has been meeting to familiarize member agency staff with the funding process and to discuss improvements that might be made to the process. The goal of the process is to ensure that it is consistent with the provisions of the guidance provided by the Federal Highway Administration and is clearly articulated to the MAG member agencies. Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Yazzie for her presentation and asked members if they had any questions.

Mr. Isom expressed the appreciation of the City of El Mirage to MAG for the efforts to improve MAG's federal funding process. He indicated that to El Mirage, this is a critical step toward preventing what happened to them this past year. Mr. Isom stated that the end result of the improvements should mirror the FHWA guidelines regarding the local and regional administration of CMAQ funding set forth in October 2006. He said that the guidelines say the process should be transparent, in writing, be publicly available, identify the agencies that rate the projects, clarify with specificity how projects are rated, name the committees that make the final recommendations to the Board, clearly identify the basis for rating the projects, including the emissions benefits, cost effectiveness, congestion relief, greenhouse gas reduction, safety, system preservation, access to opportunities, sustainable development in freight, reduction of reliance on the single occupant vehicle, and multimodal benefits. Mr. Isom suggested adding to the guidelines the rotation of chairs so as not be caught up in what could be viewed as political. Mr. Isom said that as a newcomer to the Valley from Snowflake, AZ, it appeared that there is a division between the East and West Valleys. He suggested everyone view the region as an entire Valley and not as east or west. Mr. Isom expressed his hope that the Management Committee would join him in giving direction to MAG that the efforts to improve MAG in the federal funding process be consistent with and closely adhere to the FHWA guidelines. He stated that he recognized there may be great diversity of opinions with the way the El Mirage application was handled in this funding cycle. Mr. Isom commented that what they experienced indicated that changes to the process are overdue. Mr. Isom expressed thanks to MAG for taking the initiative to improve the process and asked the Management Committee to support MAG's continuing effort to improve the existing process.

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, noted that MAG has presented a transportation plan to the public and needs to adhere to the direction given by the citizens of Maricopa County on how the funds are allocated to modes. Mr. Smith stated that MAG follows federal guidelines. This was not to mean that the process could not be improved, and that is why the federal funding programming workshop process started in March. He stated that recommendations from the workshop will be brought back to the Management Committee for review.

Mr. Pettit expressed his appreciation for Mr. Isom's comments about following guidelines, but to reinforce Mr. Smith's comments, MAG needs to follow the direction of the voters and public policy. Mr. Pettit stated that he was under the impression that MAG staff follows federal guidelines and securing information. He said that they look forward to whatever they could do to improve the process in terms of the obligations of applicants, evaluation staff, and elected officials as they make decisions.

6. Programming of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Yazzie addressed the Management Committee on the projects recommended for MAG federal funds for FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2013. She explained the process for project submission and review and recommendation through the MAG committee process.

Ms. Yazzie stated that four categories are programmed with CMAQ funds: bicycle and pedestrian, arterial and ITS projects, paving unpaved roads, and other air quality projects. She noted projects submitted for evaluation: 17 bicycle/pedestrian projects were submitted for FY 2013 CMAQ funds, with 12 recommended by the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee; Seven Arterial/ITS projects were submitted for FY 2009 CMAQ funds, with seven recommended by the ITS Committee; 17 ITS projects were submitted for FY 2013 CMAQ funds, with 15 recommended by the ITS Committee; Six paving unpaved roads projects were submitted for FY 2010, with four projects recommended by the Transportation Review Committee; Six air quality projects were submitted for FY 2013 funds, with six recommended by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report. Mr. Smith noted that no public comment cards had been submitted for this item.

Mr. Smith stated that there has been considerable discussion on this item. He stated that as Executive Director, he wanted to clarify that if a problem with an application is noticed, staff will call the jurisdiction. Mr. Smith stated that staff called El Mirage and requested that they revise their application and bring copies to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee meeting. Mr. Smith stated that El Mirage did exactly what staff asked. At the meeting, the committee voted that the El Mirage application was incomplete. Mr. Smith advised that MAG's mistake was not informing the committee that El Mirage did what staff had requested of them.

Mr. Isom expressed his appreciation for Mr. Smith's comments. He stated that El Mirage experienced difficulties with this CMAQ funding cycle, beginning with the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees. Mr. Isom reported that El Mirage submitted its application in a timely fashion. MAG staff asked them to consider reducing the amount of the request. He said that El Mirage agreed to reduce a four-trail request of \$3.6 million to a single-trail request of \$1.9 million. Mr. Isom reported that MAG staff also asked for minor revisions to the language in the application, which they did. He said that the revised application was completed and on time. Mr. Isom stated that the Chair of the committee asked the El Mirage representative if the City would accept \$675,000, and the representative indicated they would like the evaluation process to dictate the award. Mr. Isom said that the Chair said she was deeming the application incomplete. He stated that the application submitted to the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees in the present form was complete on that day. Mr. Isom stated that there is no rationale for the selection of awards, and there were no presentations of the projects to the committees. Mr. Isom stated that this year, the process is not as transparent as many would like to see it. He commented that there has been no clarification as to why their application was deemed incomplete and on what authority that determination was made. Mr. Isom asked how the application could be complete enough for a \$675,000 offer, but not complete enough to be considered through the selection process. He asked members to join him in requesting clarification by sending the projects back to the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees for reconsideration. Mr. Isom advised that he had asked Dennis Smith, who indicated it was a

reasonable request and would not impact the TIP's air quality conformity analysis process. Mr. Isom requested that the Management Committee humor him as a newcomer. He commented that there is nothing wrong with checking ourselves.

Mr. Isom moved to recommend the bicycle and pedestrian projects under consideration be returned to the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees for consideration and presentations, giving attention to the completeness of all applications and stating with clarity the basis for disqualifications as well as criteria used for establishing a new recommendation for awards, in accordance with the FHWA guidelines. Further, recommend approval of the rest of the projects on the attached tables be added to the MAG federally funded program and to the FY 2009-2013 transportation program.

Mr. Isom stated that this should not be a popularity contest, but an award of public dollars under a well-respected and well-run program. He said to Mr. Smith that he and his staff were doing a great job.

Mr. McClendon seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith noted that MAG staff has not taken a position on this, and clarified that it was a vote of the Bicycle and Pedestrian committees that determined that the El Mirage application was incomplete. Ms. Yazzie stated that was correct. She said that she thought part of the reason was that part of the descriptive information in the application was lacking and a map showing the trails was unclear. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Yazzie if that was the original application. Ms. Yazzie replied that it was. Mr. Smith asked if the revised application they brought into the meeting was considered. Ms. Yazzie replied that it was not.

Mr. Ellis stated that there was a motion on the table. Chair Dolan stated that it was appropriate to have clarification of the facts and then have discussion.

Ms. Yazzie read from the minutes that four committee members voted to accept the El Mirage application and eight voted to reject it. Chair Dolan asked if that occurred on the submission due date. Ms. Yazzie replied that was correct.

Mr. Isom stated that the Management Committee was receiving a mixed message and he was concerned about Ms. Yazzie's position at this point. He stated that it is appropriate for MAG as the MPO to ask for clarification. Mr. Isom stated that El Mirage submitted its original application that included four trails, but at MAG's request, reduced the request and clarified the description. Mr. Isom said that there is nothing wrong with the Management Committee sending back the applications to the committees for clarity. Mr. Isom stated that he was extremely concerned that this was a popularity contest. He commented that this is an application process with federal funds, and added that it was never said that this application was late and therefore would not be considered.

Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Isom for his comments. She said that the City of Scottsdale is very independent, as are all of the other cities, and indicated that members would act professionally and not politically.

Mr. Pettit commented that Mr. Isom inferred that no rating or ranking criteria was applied to the applications that were received, either complete or incomplete. He asked if any other projects, with the exception of one from Phoenix, were funded 100 percent. Ms. Yazzie explained that there are three components that went into the scores: 1) The information from the application. 2) The Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee CMAQ effectiveness scores. 3) The scores from the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees. Ms. Yazzie noted that Glendale and Mesa projects received 100 percent funding, although some received less than 100 percent. Mr. Pettit asked if some projects received zero percent funding. Ms. Yazzie replied that two Gilbert projects, one Phoenix project, and one Mesa project did not get funded.

Mr. Ellis asked if there were any negative consequences to delaying action on these projects. Mr. Smith replied that delay could be accommodated because the projects are conformity neutral projects. He added that this could be included on the next Bicycle/Pedestrian agenda upon direction of the Management Committee and approval of the Committee Chair.

Chair Dolan clarified that if the projects were sent back to the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees, the recommendation from the Bicycle/Pedestrian committees would be forwarded to the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee. Mr. Fairbanks departed the meeting.

Mr. Pentz expressed concern that returning recommendations to committees could be setting a precedent that if a community does not get its project funded they can seek to have everything sent back for reconsideration.

Chair Dolan asked staff to provide a review of the debate at the Transportation Review Committee on this issue. Ms. Yazzie stated that this was extensively discussed at the Transportation Review Committee meeting. She said that two motions were made. The first motion, which failed by a vote of 7 yes and 14 no, was to table the Bicycle/Pedestrian recommendations and form a working group. The second motion, which passed unanimously, was to recommend approval that the projects be added to the MAG Federal Fund Program and to be added to the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Kross asked for clarification that the motion on the table is to recommend that all of the Bicycle/Pedestrian projects would be returned to the committee for reconsideration. Ms. Yazzie replied that was correct. Mr. Kross asked Mr. Isom if El Mirage's original or revised application would be submitted. Mr. Isom replied that El Mirage submitted its application in accordance with MAG instructions. He advised that El Mirage would not change the application that had been submitted to date. Mr. Kross commented that it seemed this was a due process argument rather than an argument that the application was not being considered on its merits.

Scott Butler stated that he would like to offer the perspective of a TRC member. He noted that the issue raised at Management Committee is the same issue raised at TRC, where it was discussed extensively. Mr. Butler stated that the City of Mesa's concern is that if a community does not like the recommendations it could refer the recommendation back to the committee. Mr. Butler expressed concern for setting a precedent that would be dangerous to the entire MAG organization. He stated that many times, the City of Mesa's projects do not get funded at all or not funded completely. They learn from that and come back the next year with a stronger and

improved application. Mr. Butler stated that he heard the comment to “just humor him,” but MAG operates on facts. He urged that the Management Committee not support the motion, after the TRC has thoroughly vetted the issue and the member agencies’ transportation professionals voted to move this forward. Mr. Butler stated that the City of Mesa would vote no on the motion on the table.

Mr. Rodriguez said that he believed that when the process is incomplete or is flawed there is no remedy. Mr. Rodriguez stated that this case is an example of something that was overlooked, and the Management Committee was at the level to solve the problem. He expressed his support for the motion.

Mr. Isom stated that he could not say it better than Mr. Rodriguez. He stated that this was an opportunity for the Management Committee to re-evaluate what happened and let the process occur so there are no questions. Mr. Isom stated that improving the process could begin today.

With no further discussion of the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion failed by a vote of 10 yes, 13 no, and two abstentions.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the projects listed in the attached table to be added to the MAG Federal Fund Program and to be added to the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Kross seconded. Mr. Fairbanks rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Isom moved to amend to the motion to add the end of the motion to continue improving the process with close adherence to FHWA guidelines be closely followed and future processes be extremely transparent. Chair Dolan noted that the amended motion failed because it lacked a second.

The vote on the motion passed, with Mr. Isom voting no and RPTA abstaining.

7. MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, provided a report on the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project. She explained that the project is a tool for policy and program development to address human services issues. Ms. St. Peter stated that the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project was developed by the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee. She explained that the project consists of an index that measures the demand for human services through five factors: foreclosure rates, population, older adults accessing state services, families receiving welfare, and check cashing stores. She noted that the maps included in the agenda packet reflected each of these factors by zip code, plus a composite map. Ms. St. Peter stated that it is important to know the demand for human services in order to prioritize resources.

Ms. St. Peter stated that based in part on foreclosures, the report found that the demand for human services is growing more quickly in the southwest valley than the northeast valley. She advised that upon approval, the Human Services Resource Assessment Project would be made available for policy and program development. Ms. St. Peter stated that additional research

would need to be conducted to gain knowledge of which programs offer the best return on the investment. The map and index would be updated annually to compare trends. She expressed appreciation to the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee, and the Arizona State University School of Planning for providing the intern who worked on the project. Chair Dolan thanked Ms. St. Peter for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Fairbanks commented that at the bottom of the charts is the statement that the maps reflect service provision, not unmet need, yet the data are rolled up into an index of need. He stated that the maps show Tempe has greater needs than Guadalupe. Ms. St. Peter replied that the index contains indicators that reflect both unmet need, as represented by foreclosures for example, and met need, as represented by service provision by the Arizona Department of Economic Security, for example. She stated that the demand for human services, whether that demand has been met or remains unmet, is still of concern. For example, a demand that is being met by a service will be a policy issue because of the funding requirements for the corresponding program. Ms. St. Peter advised that needs that are unmet will offer policy concerns as new programs or responses are developed to address that need. The indicators are rolled up into one index because they represent different facets of the demand for human services in the region. Ms. St. Peter noted that the strength of the index is that it is based on five different indicators because not one indicator could accurately portray the demand for human services as well. Ms. St. Peter offered to research his question about Tempe and Guadalupe and follow up with him.

Chair Dolan asked Mr. Fairbanks if his concerns had been addressed. Ms. St. Peter noted that staff would be glad to address any concerns. She advised that the report includes a lot of technical knowledge and they are trying to make it easily accessible to everyone.

Mr. Smith asked if delaying this item until questions were answered would be a concern. Ms. St. Peter replied that they did not have a hard deadline. Mr. Fairbanks indicated that he did not want to delay moving the report forward.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project. Mr. McClendon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Update on MAG Managers Forum

Alana Chávez, MAG Management Analyst, addressed the Committee on plans for holding a MAG Manager's Forum. Ms. Chávez stated that there are many new members on the Management Committee and the purpose of the Forum is to address relationship building and working together regionally through the use of Appreciative Inquiry. She stated that the Forum tentatively has been scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Virginia G. Piper Auditorium, University of Arizona College of Medicine, in downtown Phoenix. The Forum is being planned as a half day event that will include a breakfast networking session and Appreciative Inquiry exercises. Ms. Chávez stated that this will be followed by a luncheon where the speaker is Dr. Jim Johnson, from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Ms. Chávez mentioned that she had received notification of a potential conflict with Spring Break and would like members to let her know if this date works for them. She added that the speaker is committed for the March 14th date, but staff will ask him to modify his plans if necessary.

Chair Dolan expressed that because there are so many new Management Committee members, this would be a beneficial process.

Mr. Ellis stated that he thought the Forum was a good idea and expressed his thanks for thinking of it. He asked for more detail on Appreciative Inquiry. Mr. Smith stated that Appreciative Inquiry was developed out of Case Western Reserve. He said that it is a method where an organization identifies the values in place at the time when the organization operated at its best, and incorporates those values when moving forward. Mr. Smith added that the technique gives power to the positive and not to the negative. He stated that MAG was at its best in Proposition 400 when everyone came together and accomplished a great plan.

Mr. Smith stated that the Management Committee will be asked to fill out a profile and include their best practices. Ms. Chávez noted that staff was preparing the profile that would be sent the beginning of February allowing one month to prepare and submit the materials back to MAG staff. Mr. Smith stated that they will do a test run of the profile with a couple of managers to ensure it is relevant.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Kross, Chair of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, expressed his appreciation to MAG staff, in particular the Environmental Division staff, for their efforts on the PM-10 plan. He commented that this was tremendously hard work, very complicated and detailed, and was very helpful to the committee. Chair Dolan also extended her appreciation to the Environmental Division.

Mr. Ellis noted the passing of Joseph DeBolske, the grandson of Jack DeBolske, in the bus crash in Utah. He stated that Mr. DeBolske has long been a supporter of local government and asked that people keep the family in their thoughts and prayers. Chair Dolan added that Joseph was a high school student in Scottsdale.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman